


Remarks

Claims 1, 3-17, 19-28, 30, 31 and 33-44 are presently pending. Claims 1, 3-8, 17, 19-28, 30, 31 and 33-44 are allowed.

By this paper, independent claim 9 is amended to recite forming a channel having a cross-sectional U-shape. Claim 9 includes all limitations of the allowable product claims and therefore represents patentable subject matter. As claims 11-16 depend from claim 9, they are likewise patentable.

The Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. If there are any remaining issues of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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